

Interview Summary

Application No. 08/952,001	Applicant(s) Carr
Examiner Alison Pickard	Group Art Unit 3626



All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Alison Pickard

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(2) Garth Janke

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Date of Interview Aug 3, 2000

Type: Telephonic Personal (copy is given to applicant applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes No. If yes, brief description:

Agreement was reached. was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: all of record

Identification of prior art discussed:

Carr 5,362,115 and Mastin 1,243,002

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The examiner called to discuss the limitations relating to the voids in the gasket which had been left out and/or deleted from the amended claims (specifically 56, 59, 63, 66, 70, 73, 79, 82, and 86). These claims had been objected to and would have been allowable if amended to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Leaving out the void limitations would require a further search. Also, it appeared that the claims would now not be patentable over Mastin and could have Double patenting issues with the Carr '115 reference. The examiner proposed to amend the claims to include the void limitations. Mr. Janke did not agree and wished to pursue the un-entered amended claims in a CPA.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

Examiner Note: You must sign and stamp this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.